

Governor Markell Recognizes Recipients of the Delaware Award for Heroism

DOVER – Governor Jack Markell today included the very first recipients of the Delaware Award for Heroism in his annual awards ceremony recognizing state employees.

The Delaware Award for Heroism was established in 2013 to recognize state employees who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and demonstrated outstanding judgment, exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness, and unusual swiftness of action, sometimes regardless of their own personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life or property.

“I am honored to present the first Delaware Award for Heroism to these 27 state employees,” said Governor Markell. “Each of the award recipients performed incredible acts, often with no regard for their own safety, and they have my utmost respect and admiration.”

The recipients were:

- Sergeant Michael Manley, Corporal Steven Rinehart, Corporal Arlene Redmond, Senior Corporal Scott Simpson, Master Corporal Lori Templin, Senior Security Officer Darryl Smith, Senior Security Officer Maureen McGill-Jones, Senior Security Officer Yvette Miller, Dispatcher Isaac Vaughn, Lieutenant R. Marshall Martine, and the late Senior Security Officer Stephen Green – From the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for their courageous actions during the February New Castle Courthouse Shooting
- David Brezenski – From the Administrative Office of the Courts, for his bravery and calm assistance during the

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- Penny M. Wood – From the Public Defender's Office, for responding to a client who had a seizure in the office waiting room.
- Marianna Freilich, Christine Vennard, Mark Manno and Doug Crouse – From the Office of Management and Budget, Dept. of Agriculture, and the University of Delaware, for responding with great sensitivity to a suicidal man.
- Richard Whittington, Robin Brown, and Joseph Clymer – From the Dept. of Transportation, for freeing a coworker who became trapped in a Jersey Barrier Lift (industrial sized clamp).
- Diane Towns – From the Dept. of Transportation, for coming to the aid of a woman who was choking in a restaurant.
- Leon Caulk and Joseph Rash – From the Dept. of Transportation, for performing CPR and first aid on a driver who had suffered a seizure while driving.
- James Fish – From the Dept. of Transportation, for his response to an apparently suicidal man he feared was planning to jump off the Ross Bridge.
- Gerald Blakeslee – From the Dept. of Transportation, for his response to a fatal motorcycle accident.
- John Slensby – From the Dept. of Correction, for coming to the aid of a fellow officer who was being attacked by an inmate.
- Gail Weinberg – From the Dept. of Health & Social Services, for confronting a thief in her building.